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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE
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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, LE, US

SUBJECT: GOL REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. LEBANESE MILITARY ATTACHE CAPT. NEHME CALLED DEPT AND
DOD MARCH 20 TO PASS ON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST OF THE USG
FROM GENERAL KHOURY:

5,000 M-16S
10,000 UNIFORMS
10,000,000 .556 MM ROUNDS
100 JEEPS
100 TRUCKS
1000 TENTS (SIZE UNSPECIFIED)

NEHME EXPLAINED KHOURY NEEDED THIS EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO
EQUIP NEW UNITS HE PLANNED TO SEND TO TAKE OVER FROM THE
UN FORCE IN SOUTH LEBANON.

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2. EMBASSY SHOULD FIND OUT PRECISELY WHAT KHOURY HAS IN
MIND. IS THIS EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR UNITS THAT MIGHT GO
INTO SOUTH LEBANON SOME MONTHS HENCE, OR IN THE RELATIVELY
NEAR FUTURE? WHICH UNITS?

3. OF COURSE, CAN APPRECIATE THAT PLANS FOR THE INSERTION
OF THE LEBANESE ARMY WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO WORK OUT IN

COORDINATION WITH UNIFIL, AND THAT YOU WILL BE REPORTING SUCH PLANS. AT SOME POINT, WE WILL HAVE TO DETERMINE HOW TO FIT IN OUR FY 78 SUPPLEMENTAL OF DOLS 50 MILLION IN FMS FOR WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE AN ACCELERATED REBUILDING OF THE LEBANESE ARMY. A FEW WEEKS AGO, WE AGREED AT CONGRESSIONAL URGING TO HAVE OUR SUPPLEMENTAL CONSIDERED IN THE TIME FRAME ENVISAGED FOR CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF FY 79 AUTHORIZATIONS, WHICH WOULD ALLOW US TO BEGIN SPENDING MONEY IN LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE. IN THE FACE OF THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, WE MAY WANT TO GO BACK AND REQUEST A QUICKER SUPPLEMENTAL. WHEN WE DO SO, WE WILL HAVE TO BE HEAVILY EQUIPPED WITH FACTS, FIGURES, AND UPDATED PLANNING BY THE LEBANESE . VANCE

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